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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/707,796	INABA ET AL.
	Examiner Hien D. Vu	Art Unit 2833

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM  
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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/14/04.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_.

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogawa et al in view of Allina et al.

Ogawa, figs. 1, 2 & 5 show a connector comprising a connector housing b, a junction terminal c accommodated in the connector housing to connect a pin terminal fitted on a case on a case of an electronic instrument 2, the junction terminal has a female contact portion c1, a male contact portion c2 and a bridging portion (not labeled) connecting the female and male contact portions. Ogawa does not show the male contact portion being arranged such that a first longitudinal line passing an intermediate point of the male electrical contact portion aligns with a second longitudinal line passing an intermediate point of the female contact portion. Allina, figs. 2-4A show a male contact portion 34 being arranged that a first longitudinal line passing an intermediate point of the male electrical contact portion aligns with a second longitudinal line passing an intermediate point of the female contact portion 24. It would have been obvious to one with skill in the art to modify the connector of Ogawa by forming the male contact portion with the features as described above, as taught by Allina in order to provide better connection for the junction terminal.

As to claims 2 & 4, a positioning member e attached to the connector housing b as shown in fig. 1 of Ogawa.

As to claim 5, the cross section of the male contact portion C2 fits in the through hole 28 to position the junction terminal in the housing as show in fig. 1 of Ogawa.

3. Torikoshi et al, Minoura et al, Natsume, Lazarus, Damsky and Horvath et al are cited for electrical connectors with terminals.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Hein D. Vu at telephone number (571) 272-2016.

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